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### **GOVERNOR AND FIRST LADY PRESENT STATE'S HIGHEST CIVILIAN HONOR TO NINE NORTH CAROLINIANS**

**RALEIGH** – Gov. Mike Easley and First Lady Mary Easley today presented nine distinguished North Carolinians the prestigious North Carolina Award, the highest civilian honor the state can bestow. An awards committee selected the recipients from nominations submitted by the public. The categories included fine arts, literature, public service and science.

“These awards are our most prestigious civilian honor and are given to those North Carolinians whose contributions to the state are enduring and truly significant,” said Easley. “We are fortunate to live in a state with so many outstanding individuals who, through their leadership, their talents and their time, have helped make North Carolina a better place to live.”

Created by the General Assembly in 1961, the North Carolina Awards have been presented annually since 1964. More than 200 outstanding North Carolinians have been selected as recipients from citizens’ nominations from across the state.

#### **The 2007 N.C. Award winners are:**

##### **SCIENCE: Viney P. Aneja**

“Industrial agriculture is a very effective and efficient way to feed large populations, but no one has really studied the impact of agriculture on air quality,” said Aneja, a scientist at North Carolina State University. “With our many products and the fact that we have agriculture throughout our state instead of just in one area, North Carolina is really an excellent case study in terms of agricultural air pollution.” Aneja, a scientist of international distinction, has made significant advances in the field of agricultural air quality. For his pioneering contributions to environmental science, Viney P. Aneja receives the North Carolina Award for Science.

##### **SCIENCE: Darrel W. Stafford**

While working at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Stafford has been at the forefront of blood coagulation research for the past 15 years. For his world-class advances in understanding the essential details of how blood coagulation works and how it can be regulated, Darrel W. Stafford receives the 2007 North Carolina Award for Science.

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